

MURPHY NAMES PRICE

AND IT IS THOUGHT JUDGE PARKER WILL TAKE THE GOODS, SAYS THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Esopus, N. Y., July 28.—Charles F. Murphy carried his Tammany pack to Rosemont to-day, and, opening it, exhibited his wares to Judge Parker, and, merchantlike, named his price of the goods to be delivered. Although the figures of the vender seem high to many Judge Parker may advise that they be purchased.

Here are the conditions of exchange:—

State Senator Patrick H. McCarren must not be retained as chairman of the executive committee.

Mr. Murphy, while not committed to Mayor George B. McClellan as the Democratic party's nominee for the governorship this fall, must be permitted to designate the candidate.

This condition is granted, and the Tammany leader's decision depends on a few events that are to be discussed and settled later.

Cord Meyer, Jr., is unsatisfactory to Mr. Murphy as chairman of the State committee, and Mr. Murphy would have him displaced if possible. Mr. Murphy would not consider seriously Mr. Meyer's name for the gubernatorial chair.

It is Mr. Murphy's wish that Thomas P. Conway, of Plattsburg, one of David B. Hill's bitterest political enemies, be nominated for the office of Attorney General on the State ticket. Geor. M. Palmer, for years minority leader in the lower house of the Assembly at Albany, is Mr. Murphy's personal choice for either chairman of the executive committee or chairman of the Democratic State committee itself.

Remarkable Scene at Esopus.

These Tammany wares were exhibited to Judge Parker, and the purchase price named, under conditions remarkable even for the game of politics. All around the seller and prospective purchaser were men who represented persons and factions. Within a few feet of the two main figures were David B. Hill, August Belmont, Perry Belmont and the members of the National committee, with their newly elected chairman, Thomas Taggart, at their head.

Opponents of David B. Hill were not few and he was discussed in whisperings as much as any other individual here. So, too, he was particularly prominent as being at the same time the best known man personally in the Parker political household, and at the same time the one person who communed with himself the greater part of the time while here.

Charles F. Murphy shared the honors of the day with the Presidential candidate, for all of the visitors seemed anxious to meet Tammany's leader and talk with him. One might have thought that Mr. Murphy was assisting Judge Parker at the reception. One would never have believed for a moment but that there had always been the best of feeling and good fellowship between Mr. Hill and Mr. Murphy when they greeted each other on Judge Parker's veranda.

Both men caught each other's eye simultaneously as they stood talking in two different groups ten feet apart. Mr. Hill and Mr. Murphy started toward each other, Mr. Hill taking the first step forward. As their hands gripped Murphy smiled and said:—

"How are you, Senator?" and former Senator Hill replied:—

"Hello, Murphy; how do you do?" With these greetings the two men relinquished hold of each other's hand and returned to resume their interrupted conversation.

Mr. Murphy Arrives First.

Mr. Murphy reached Esopus just two hours before the members of the National committee. He got here at fifteen minutes after twelve o'clock, having with him as companions Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, his first lieutenant Victor J. Dowling, and Thomas P. Conway, of Plattsburg. On the trip up former Corporation Counsel John Whalen was on the train, but disappeared on the receipt of a dispatch that was handed to him at Newburg.

It soon appeared that Mr. Murphy was to have come here yesterday, but decided instead to come to-day. The invitation to Mr. Murphy to come here was carried back to him by Judge O'Brien when the Judge and John B. McDonald left here after their second visit to Rosemont on the steam Saphire, just a week ago. As P. Conway was here yesterday, an old friend of Judge Parker, Conway was practically committed to see Mr. Murphy and come on with him as an escort. Previous arrangements for the presence of Judge Parker at the station to take

Mr. Murphy and his traveling companions up the mile of roadway to Rosemont. When they appeared Judge Parker stood ready on the veranda of his home to welcome Murphy, Dowling and Conway, which he did with considerable warmth. Then the program was followed out as on Wednesday a week ago, when the Vice Presidential candidate Henry G. Davis was here.

Dowling and Conway were sent over to the barns, while Judge Parker got Murphy at the south end of the veranda, where two comfortable chairs were drawn closely together, into which the candidate and the Tammany leader dropped.

This was the first meeting of the two men, the newly found party leader of the Nation's Democracy and that of Tammany. They were disturbed at the end of half an hour by the announcement of the luncheon hour. At the table Mr. Murphy was introduced to the candidate's aged mother, his wife, and the daughter, Mrs. Hall. After luncheon Judge Parker appeared with Mr. Murphy, and the latter was led out of the house and across the lawn to a rustic bench, over which the lower limbs of a birch tree hung as a canopy. The two men had come to understand each other, and as both subsequently admitted, to like each other. It was now that Murphy had much more to say than he had at first and introductory session. He made his wants and wishes known. Mr. Murphy was firm but not aggressive; emphatic but not brusque. He dispelled all doubt in the mind of Judge Parker as to what he expected to have done with Patrick McCarren and the chairmanship of the State executive committee. McCarren, he said, could not be permitted to continue in that position.

Mr. Murphy said that he could not permit McCarren to remain at the head of the committee with himself, Murphy, a member of it. Not only this, but Mr. Murphy was not inclined to stand by and see the State organization used for the settlement of old political scores with the power of the machine in the hands of Hill and McCarren, to be used to disrupt Tammany Hall and to work injury to the latter organization.

The Tammany leader was having an opportunity to be heard, and he was taking advantage of it. He surprised Judge Parker a moment later by announcing that he (Murphy) was not committed to Mayor McClellan as the Democratic nominee for governor. Judge Parker has all along favored the young mayor. Mr. Murphy really wishes to see Mayor McClellan have the nomination, but there are political reasons why, as he explained to Judge Parker, that the question must remain open for awhile at least.

A Wide-Awake Campaign Needed. New York World (Dem.)

It is a matter of disappointment and regret that a man of greater ability, better training and larger experience than Thomas Taggart could not have been found for chairman of the Democratic National committee. His choice is but another sign of the times, indicating that politics has become too much a trade or a business, rather than an adjunct of statesmanship.

However, Mr. Taggart seems to have been the best man available. He apparently possesses certain qualities that are useful in such a position. If he will make up in action what he lacks in education, and will henceforth practice a little of Judge Parker's silence—and especially if he will carry his own State of Indiana for Judge Parker in a commendable campaign—he will demonstrate beyond doubt the propriety of his choice.

It is high time that the managers of the party organization should wake up. There is a vast amount of work to be done if Judge Parker is to be elected. So far the politicians have done nothing since the nominations were made. All that has been accomplished since Judge Parker's history-making telegram has been done by the newspapers. Judge Parker cannot be elected by boasting or lying, as Committeemen Mack and McCarren have been doing in their loud talk that the Democratic ticket is sure to sweep the country.

The World will continue to support Judge Parker, but it will not lie for him. It hopes that he will carry New York, and sincerely believes that he will, if no blunders are made, and there is an intelligent, thorough, wide-awake campaign.

Vision of the Raymond Seer.

Atlanta Constitution.] Jackson, Miss., July 25.—(Special.)—A political prophet at Raymond has put forth a very weird prediction. The Raymond seer says that the Parker and Davis ticket will be elected, but Vice President Davis will die of exhaustion during the inaugural ceremonies, and that on the morning of June 17, 1906, at 7:32 o'clock, President Parker will be at his home at Esopus and will dive into the Hudson river and never come up again. John Sharp Williams, who is slated for Secretary of State, will then succeed to the Presidency.

THE FUNNY PUFFER.

A Fish That Blows Himself Up Into a Round Ball.

The funniest little fellow in salt water is the puffer or swell fish. Fishermen call him the blow fish.

When he is swimming around at ease with nothing to alarm him he looks queer enough, for the skin of his abdomen is all loose and wrinkled, and he has such a funny little tail and such ridiculous little fins and such a big, three cornered head that he looks entirely absurd. His mouth, instead of being big and gaping, as most fish mouths are, is only a tiny round hole at the end of a pointed, conical snout. Out of this circular mouth protrude his teeth, like those of a rabbit.

He would be about as homely a fish as could be made if it were not for the beautiful orange and yellow and silver colorings that play all over him.

But queer as he looks when he is at ease it is only when he is frightened or excited that he becomes really funny. If he is hooked, for instance, he comes to the surface grinding those protruding teeth so that the sound can be heard a good many feet away. And then as soon as the hand touches him he begins to grunt hoarsely, and with each grunt he swells a bit till within a few moments he has puffed himself so full of air that he is quite round and firm like a ball. So thoroughly does he distend himself with air that when the fishermen hurl him at the water with all their force, as they often do, he will bounce just like a rubber ball.

If he is dropped into the water after blowing himself full of air he floats on it as lightly as a thistle-down, and he will stay that way until he has assured himself that danger has gone by. He does the same when he is pursued by other fish. And as he floats almost entirely out of water, with only a little bit of his hard, spiny body sunk under the surface, very few fish can hurt him once he is inflated.

HIS CLEAR MEMORY.

The Witness Proved to the Lawyer That He Could Remember.

A story is told of an eminent lawyer receiving a severe reprimand from a witness whom he was trying to browbeat. It was an important issue, and in order to save his cause from defeat it was necessary that the lawyer should impeach the witness. He endeavored to do it on the ground of age in the following manner:

"How old are you?" asked the lawyer.

"Seventy-two years," replied the witness.

"Your memory, of course, is not so brilliant and vivid as it was twenty years ago, is it?" asked the lawyer.

"I do not know but it is," answered the witness.

"State some circumstance which occurred, say, twelve years ago," said the lawyer. "and we shall be able to see how well you can remember."

"I appeal to your honor," said the witness. "if I am to be interrogated in this manner. It is insolent!"

"You had better answer the question," replied the judge.

"Yes, sir; state it," said the lawyer.

"Well, sir, if you compel me to do it I will. About twelve years ago you studied in Judge —'s office, did you not?"

"Yes," answered the lawyer.

"Well, sir, I remember your father coming into my office and saying to me, 'Mr. D., my son is to be examined tomorrow, and I wish you would lend me \$15 to buy him a suit of clothes.' I remember also, sir, that from that day to this he has never paid me that sum. That, sir, I remember as though it were yesterday."—Philadelphia Ledger.

An Amplified Woman.

"The car was entirely empty with the exception of one man," said Miss Myra Kelly. "He was the reverse of the car. As I entered he rose, made me an unsteady but magnificent bow and said:—

"Madam, please be kind 'nough to assest this plashe.' There was nothing else for me to do, so I thanked him and sat down.

"And for twenty blocks that idiot hung from a strap, swaying in the breeze, with not a soul in the car but ourselves. Occasionally I have been taken for other women, but I never before had any one think that I was a carful."

Artificial Snow.

A curious instance of the formation of artificial snow was witnessed on one occasion in the town of Agen, in France. A fire broke out in a sawmill when the temperature was 10 degrees below freezing point. The water thrown upon the fire was instantly vaporized, and, rising in the cold, dry air, was immediately condensed and fell as snow. With bright starlight and a strong northwest wind blowing the whirling snow above and the raging fire below, a brilliant spectacle was presented.

Would Show No Mercy.

Hogan (calling on next door neighbor)—I suppose ye've heard th' illigant classical music that's bin imynatin' frum me residence for th' pasht wake or so? We got wan av thim mechanical plannny players on thirle. Clancy (diercey)—On thirle, is it? Glory be! I only wisht I wor th' judge!—Puck.

Not a Sure Test.

Mamma—I am sure, Miranda, that Harold thinks as much of you as ever. He still eats your cooking, doesn't he? Young Wife—Yes, but I'm afraid, mamma, he does it now from a sense of duty.—Chicago Tribune.

He who tells a lie is not sensible how great a task he undertakes, for he must be forced to invent twenty more to maintain that one.—Pope.

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FAIRMONT MERCHANTS

OUR SCRIBE GOES AFTER THE CLERKS TO-DAY—A JOLLIER SET CANNOT BE FOUND.

In our sketches of Fairmont merchants we have heretofore failed to give the names of the clerks, without whom the stores would be failures. To-day we give the names of the clerks of the stores already sketched and hereafter we shall give the names in the sketches. At Hartley's besides J. M. and Harry Hartley, the customers are waited upon by the following:

Frank Jolliffe, Frank Ewan, H. B. Likens, M. J. O'Neal, Frank Crawford, H. S. Skinner, J. H. Rownd, Fred Davis and Ernest Harden; Mesdames Leah Hough, Minnie Martin and Mattie Davis and Misses Laura Robinson, Ada V. Lindsay, Anna Ford, Hallie Martin, Ella Snider, Jennie Fisher, Helen Neill, Ruth Kelley, Anna Braden, Nell Blackiston, Margaret Lee, Ruth Fleming, Bessie McFarland and Ola Lloyd, while a part of the manual labor is done by Seymour Scott, Marvel Peters, Earl Newell, Howard Meade and Thomas Braden.

At the Coal City House Furnishing Company will be found: W. H. Billingslea, R. S. Hartley, D. B. Morley, Sam Kopp, C. R. Hamilton and Miss Myrtle Wilderman, while Miss Clara Jenks is bookkeeper. Joshua Hawkins is the driver.

At Mansbach's the force is composed of George Mansbach, Arthur Lynch, Harry R. Cole and G. W. Rosenmerkel.

At the BonTon will be found: J. E. Anderson, and Misses Georgia Lee, Cora IWilson, Jennie Snyder and Etta Black.

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Judge Parker in 1896 and 1900.

From the N. Y. Times (Dem.), July 21, 1904.]

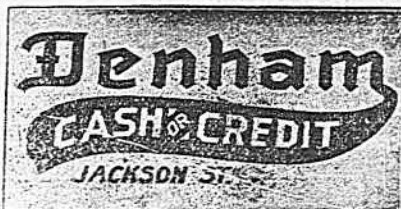
No one will ever hear from the Times a word of excuse or palliation of Judge Parker's two votes for W. J. Bryan. Any reasoning by which a defense of his going with his party in 1896 and 1900 might be attempted would pretty certainly be false and dangerous. From the point of view of sound money Democrats Judge Parker was guilty either of a fault in political morals or of a serious error in judgment in the Bryan campaigns. Whichever it was he will in some measure suffer the penalty this year, since it cannot be doubted that this support of Bryan will alienate some Democratic support from him.

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